

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method of treating pain which comprises administering spongosine (2-methoxyadenosine) to a subject in need of such treatment.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the pain is hyperalgesia.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the hyperalgesia is neuropathic pain.
14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the pain is caused by or associated with ~~a disease that causes damage to~~ damaged sensory neurons.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the hyperalgesia is inflammatory pain.
17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the pain is caused by or associated with inflammation ~~an inflammatory or immune disease~~.
18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein spongiosine is administered at a dose that gives rise to plasma concentrations one fifth to one thousandth of the minimum plasma concentration of spongiosine that gives rise to bradycardia, hypotension or tachycardia side effects in animals of the same species as the subject to which the dose is to be administered.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the dose gives rise to plasma concentrations one fifth to one hundredth of the minimum plasma concentration of spongiosine that gives rise to the side effects.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein spongiosine is administered at a dose that is one fifth to one fiftieth of the minimum dose of spongiosine that gives rise to bradycardia, hypotension or tachycardia side effects in animals of the same species as the subject to which the dose is to be administered.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the dose is one fifth to one tenth of the minimum dose that gives rise to the side effects.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein spongiosine is administered at a dose of less than 6 mg/kg.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein spongiosine is administered at a dose of at least 0.01 mg/kg.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein spongiosine is administered at a dose of at least 0.1 mg/kg.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein spongiosine is administered at a dose of 0.1 to 1 mg/kg.

27. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 11, wherein further comprising administering an analgesic agent other than spongiosine is co-administered to the subject.
28. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 27, wherein the analgesic agent other than spongiosine is an opioid receptor agonist, an opioid receptor partial agonist, a cyclooxygenase inhibitor, a sodium channel modulator, a calcium channel modulator, a Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI), or an agent that treats neuropathic pain.
29. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 11, wherein spongiosine is administered orally, parenterally, sublingually, transdermally, intrathecally, or transmucosally.
30. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 11, wherein spongiosine is administered at a frequency of 2 or 3 times per day.
31. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 11, wherein the subject is a human subject.
- 32-46 **(Canceled)**
47. **(New)** The method of claim 11, wherein the spongiosine is administered to the subject when the subject is at risk of developing inflammation.
48. **(New)** The method of claim 47, wherein the spongiosine is administered to the subject when the subject is contacted with an inflammatory stimulus.
49. **(New)** The method of claim 11, wherein the spongiosine is administered to the subject when the subject is at risk of developing pain.
50. **(New)** The method of claim 49, wherein the spongiosine is administered to the subject before the subject is exposed to a pain stimulus.

51. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the pain is associated with or caused by inflammation.
52. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the pain is associated with or caused by thermal hyperalgesia.